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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

Our check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on December 17, 2002, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response for the patent application identified above. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and consideration of the remarks below. This Amendment and Response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 4 and 30 without prejudice. Please amend claims 1-3, 9 and 29 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A reagent composition for attaching a target molecule to the surface of a substrate, the reagent composition comprising a copolymer having one or more pendant epoxy groups, the copolymer formed by reacting a mixture comprising:
- (a) one or more monomers having pendant epoxy group; and
 - (b) one or more diluent monomers or polymers lacking pendant epoxy group, wherein the diluent monomers or polymers comprise acrylics, vinyls, nylons, polyurethanes, or polyethers;